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SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2016

EDITORIAL

Spring! and after the rather odd weather we had this winter let's hope it all settles down and we have spring summer and autumn as they normally are. Talking of summer Swavesey Festival is nearly here, events are being planned and there are details for some of them in this issue check out the festival website too and look out for posters - sometimes we do not get details in time to publish them in advance.

Remember posters for village and charity events can be displayed on the notice boards at the busway contact the editor if you want to display one for an event that is part of Swavesey festival.

We cannot display posters for commercial events/businesses but if you are holding a fund raiser for the Festival or a village organisation we can.

Deadline for the June/July issue is **20th April** please

Editor

Cover Image - Grape Hyacinths (2011) by Freddie Sutcliffe

Inside Front Cover - Festival Fun from previous years

Inside Back Cover - Barn Dance poster

Back Cover - Yesteryear Road Run Poster

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

2016

Sunday, April 24, Yesteryear Road Run in aid of Cancer Reseach UK. Over 300 classic vehicles on parade. Expected in Swavesey around 11am.

Saturday, April 30, Freddie Hall Band 7.30pm at Over Community Centre. Tickets £10 from Over Day Centre.

Saturday, May 7, April Burgess Martin School of Ballet presents The Seasons + Elite Syncopations 3.15pm & 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College. Tickets £8 on 01954 200533, April Martin.

Sunday, May 8, The Five Pub Challenge. Meet at Over Day Centre for an 11am start. £8 in advance or £10 on the day, 01954 231807.

Sunday, May 8, The Meridian Meander Walk which is 26 miles. £10 adult & £5 child (No entry on the day), Allison Box, amsdjb@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday, May 14, Teddy Bear Parachute Jump at St Andrews Church Tower - 2pm - 4pm, Andrew Stevens, (01954) 231433

Saturday, May 14, Swavesey Community Choir will be performing Vivaldi's Gloria and Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man' 7.30pm at St Andrews Church. There will be tickets available on the door but you can also reserve them by calling Chrissie Richardson on 07881 824095

Friday, June 17, German Oompah Band/German Beer Night 7.30 p.m at Swavesey Windmill. Tickets £15 from 01954 232247.

Sunday, June 19, Swavesey Spartans Day 2015-2016. 11am – 17.30pm on Swavesey Village Green, Neil Jordison, (01954) 204390

Monday, June 20, Rock & Roll Bingo 8.00pm at the White Horse, Katie or Baz, 01954 231665

Wednesday, June 22, Hot Traditional Jazz Night 7.30pm at Swavesey Windmill. Join us for an evening of Jazz. Licensed bar. Tickets £15 inc basket meal from 01954 232247

Thursday, June 23, Comedy Night 7.30pm at Swavesey Windmill. Tickets £7.50 from 01954 232247 - Bring your own nibbles., Simon Shore, (01954) 230848

Friday, June 24, Barn Dance 7.45pm - Midnight on Swavesey Village Green. £16 per -person inc. fabulous food, Nicole, (01954) 201061

Sunday, June 26, Jonathan Sage Quartet Concert 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church. An evening concert of classical music. Tickets £10 (under 16s free) from Jacqui Fuller, 01954 230774

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April		
Wednesday 6	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 13	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 13	Swavesey Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall. Note this is not a Parish Council Meeting and you are invited to come and discuss the proposal to set up a 'A Neighbourhood Plan for Swavesey' in view of proposals to build another 400 houses.
Tuesday 19	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Visit to RSPB Ouse Fen with Hannah Bernie. Meet at Over Community Centre Car Park at 5.30pm
Wednesday 20	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Sunday 24	Yesteryear Road Run	Yesteryear Road Run in aid of Cancer Research UK. Over 300 classic vehicles on parade.. Expect-ed at swavesey around 11am.
Monday 25	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 27	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 30	Over Day Centre	Freddie Hall Band 7.30pm at Over Community Centre. Tickets £10 from Over Day Centre
May		
Thursday 5	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Thursday)
Saturday 7	April Burgess Martin School of Ballet	April Burgess Martin School of Ballet presents The Seasons + Elite Syncopations 3.15pm & 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College. Tickets £8 on 01954 200533
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Wednesday 11	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 14	St Andrew's Church	Teddy Bear Parachute Jump at St Andrews Church Tower - 2pm - 4pm

Saturday 14	Swavesey Community Choir	We will be performing Vivaldi's Gloria and Karl Jenkins 'The Armed Man'. 7.30pm at St Andrews Church. There will be tickets available on the door but you can also reserve them by calling 07881 824095.
Wednesday 18	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 23	Swavesey Parish Council	Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Wednesday 25	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 25	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Punt Trip towards Grantchester to view Bats and their Habitats with Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust . Meet at Scudamores Boat Yard on Silver Street Cambridge at 8.30pm. Price £18.50 - Limited numbers so book by April 25 via Pat Miles: 01954 780
June		
Thursday 2	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Thursday)
Wednesday 8	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey W.I. Report

Dates for Diary	
April 11th	"My Dog's Nose Knows" A talk on Medical detection dogs
May 9th	"You cannot be serious" Tales from a Wimbledon Umpire

Our new programme begins this month, so our members are looking forward to a varied and interesting slection of talks, outings etc for the year ahead. If you are interested in finding out what we get up to, please ring Deirdre 01954 230897 for more information.
Our monthly meetings are always very well attended and you would be given a very warm welcome.

We meet at the Memorial Hall, second Monday in the month at 7.30pm.
www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk

Swavesey Spartans FC

2015/16 season Spring has dawned, the clocks have gone forward and Swavesey Spartans are now well past the halfway point in the season with all of the teams playing good football and winning their fair share of games. At the quarter final stages of the cup competitions some of our teams are still dreaming of donning cup final suits whilst others are concentrating on the league (to use a football cliché). More importantly the club continues to develop footballers in both the girls and boys games and contributes to the journey from infants school children to adulthood. The club has also recently passed its annual Charter Standard Healthcheck which means all of our coaches have passed all of the necessary courses to be qualified to teach and work with children. The major frustration since the end of 2014 has been the condition of the pitches on Swavesey Green, but after 15 months of rest and repair Spartans came back home in February - many thanks to all who have worked so hard to make this possible. We also need to thank our temporary landlords in Fen Drayton and Elsworth we will continue to utilise their facilities as the club grows - the Green issue has expanded our footprint and attracted players from these villages; success from the face of adversity. The impact of our absence has been felt by Swavesey Pavilion who have been losing revenue to other villages simply because the club has been unable to play on the Green; our return will overcome the issue. It's great to see so many children wanting to play football or get involved with Swavesey Spartans so with the pitch situation addressed it will allow the club to continue it's growth and also to be able to support the facilities in Swavesey.

Website. Our site was relaunched at the start of 2016. Please take a look and contact us with any questions or suggestions using the details in this edition of the Meridian or through the website. www.swaveseyspartans.co.uk is the address you need.

Cambridge United Cambridge United play in League 2 of the Football League and have invited a small number of local clubs to partner with them. Swavesey Spartans accepted their invitation and support club as it strives to reach League 1(3rd division to those above the age of 30!). Spartans benefit through support at training and club events. We currently receive 20% discount on holiday football courses and regularly get free tickets for our players and a 25% discount for parents. United hope to secure more supporters, the Spartans players may become fans for life, and of course they hope they will spot a star player in our club. Some of our players already train with Cambridge and continue to play for Spartans; if any were fortunate enough to be invited to join their academy from school year 4 onwards the player needs to decide whether they want to leave us and become exclusively a Cambridge United player. We also have players attached to Norwich City and Histon who operate frameworks similar to Cambridge.

Swavesey Festival. Spartans will be supporting this years village festival. We start on Sunday 19 June when we take over the Green from late morning to early evening with the intra-club tournament and end of season celebration - Spartans Day. Come and join us for this family focused event. Soak up the atmosphere, look to get involved as a helper or match official or consider becoming a club sponsor - the choice is yours the most important thing is that we celebrate youth football in a safe environment but families get to relax and interact in a fun atmosphere. We will be running our bi-annual Barn Dance on Friday 24 June for adults only in a marquee on the Green with a licensed bar and some dubious dance moves from our officials and parents - you will begin to wonder how some of our teams don't line up with all the players on the left flank when you witness our coaches dancing. On the following afternoon we will have our own stall at the gala - how we can beat the 2014 success of Dom's Bins is the cliffhanger we will leave you to ponder...

Swavesey Community Choir

We are now in full rehearsal mode for our next concert

SATURDAY 14TH MAY

7.30 pm at ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

We will be performing Vivaldi's Gloria and Karl Jenkins 'The Armed Man'

There will be tickets available on the door but you can also reserve them by calling 07881 824095.

Please do come and support your local choir. It will be a wonderful concert.

We meet every Wednesday during term time at Swavesey Village College from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm

Please contact me if you have any questions: Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095

Happy Singing ☺

A Busy Time Ahead (for you too if you wish)

As you know, on April 16th we shall be holding our Annual Exhibition; everyone will be preparing their entries: prints, AV shows, projected images, cards for sale, and then later plenty of refreshments to enjoy during your visit. We are hoping for a large number of entries to our Open Competition now these can be sent by e-mail; we always enjoy seeing your pictures. Please make a note in your diary; it has become a much-enjoyed village event.

We club members have many other events to look forward to. On April 3rd we are having a day out in King's Lynn; on April 7th we are fortunate enough to be given the use of a professional studio and equipment for a quite reasonable fee, which will be very small when shared between all those attending on the night. Later on, May 29th, for what we hope will be a lovely sunny day, we are visiting Oxburgh Hall in Norfolk, a spectacular National Trust property with moat and gardens.

Still away from SVC on 5th April we will visit Bedford Camera Club to defend the Felicity Bickley Trophy for Audio Visual presentation. (If we win it will be a hat trick). Back home, on 28th April, we have our third Set Subject competition, 'Ancient and Modern'. This is the last of the year, so on 19th May we can view all the winners again and, with the help of a judge (Vic Hainsworth) we can vote for the 'Image of the Year'. It will be a close thing as we have had some superb entries throughout the year. Winning this award is very satisfying, having your photograph being voted the favourite by all your friends.

Still at home we can look forward to some excellent evenings. On 14th April we have Malcolm Blumstead talking on his 18 years of photography, 'The Creative Side of Me'. Unusually he came to photography from black and white drawing. To expand into colour he bought a camera but ended up producing Black and White prints in a darkroom. Now he specialises in creative monochrome still life. On April 21st we will meet Paul Gallagher (no, silly, not the elder brother of Neil and Liam, but still with northern connections having taken his Diploma in Southport School of Art). His award-winning work has been seen in many magazines and exhibitions, and he has published two books. In his talk, 'Transitions', he will describe his change from large format to digital cameras. He has many images of Northern England, Scotland and the Arctic. May 5th brings us another photographer well-known for his work in magazines; Keith Wilson appears regularly in 'Pilot'. His talk, named 'Air to Air', will show many types of aircraft: gliders, vintage, military, commercial and high altitude. He has also published several books. Our last talk, on May 12th, is 'The Dynamic Image' by Nadir Khan. He visits the most inhospitable locations in the world, and he will explain the challenges he faces, on high mountain peaks and at sub-zero temperatures.

We are nearing the end of our year which will be in June, but if any of these evenings interest you it is not too late to join us; your membership will charged pro-rata; alternatively you could come on a single evening for £4.

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Allotment sort of things from the past

The Swavesey Chronicle is an 83-page document published by Swavesey & District History Society in 1982. It contains a massive number of very interesting short extracts of news and reports from the Cambridge Chronicle relating to Swavesey in the years from 1776 to 1899. Thus on falling open at the centre pages, on the left for 16 October 1858 it says “Railway Station Fire. Early last Tuesday, the coal shed and a large quantity of coal destroyed by fire. Incendiarism suspected”.

The following report is on page 27 for 4 September 1852: “The Horticultural show. This, the first Show of the newly formed Swavesey Horticultural Society, was held on the 28th of August in the National School. Everyone appeared highly interested and it was visited by some highly respectable persons”. A list of prize winners is given, each receiving hard cash. John Wilderspin was paid 2 shillings for the best pound of potatoes and Mr E Mansfield got 1 shilling and sixpence for the second-best dish of assorted fruit.

The report continues “An extra prize was awarded to Miss Gifford of Over for the best device in flowers. It was a miniature flower garden, with box edgings and sand paths, containing in the centre a basin and fountain, and one end of a summer house elevated upon rockwork, interspersed with shells”.

Back to the present day, entry forms for the Swavesey Festival Craft and Produce Show, listing the entry classes for 2016, are available from village shops, Fiona Ross (200101), Sally Unwin, (230200), Simon Shore (230848) and Selwyn Richardson (07731 585450).

Just in passing, the entry following Miss Gifford’s triumph is for 20 November 1852 and reads: “The Duke’s Funeral. On Thursday last, being the day of interment of the Duke of Wellington the ringers in the village rung a dumb peal as a tribute to the memory of the loyal and illustrious man whose military achievements and wise counsels have been the means under Divine Providence of raising England to the exalted station which she now fills among the other nations of the earth”.

On page 67 for 9 December 1887 there is a complex paragraph containing many names which runs as follows: “Allotments. Application by the labourers of this parish to St Ives Sanitary Committee for allotments according to the provisions of the Allotments Act. The Rev C F Shaw and Mr T W Carter were appointed as the deputies, and they called a meeting in the National School, which was well attended. The Rev Lushintgton was voted into the Chair and the Rev W Shaw explained the provisions of the Act. After a short discussion in which Mr W Cole Sen., Dr Ellis and Mr W A Richman took part, it was agreed to apportion Galon’s charity land in Hale Road and a field of Mr Fowler’s adjoining. The Feoffee & Mr Fowler agreeing, and the labourers being content to wait until proper notice to be given to the present tenants”.

In an earlier Allotments article (Meridian, June/July 2015, pp 11-13) Clifford, at top left beyond the laurel hedge, reported that many of these allotment plots set up in the 19th century had become vacant by 1980. Then on Saturday 6 October 2012 today’s block of 60 much smaller but well-manicured, very productive and very impressive plots were set up.

LADIES SQUASH BEGINNER’S COURSE

Why not get fit and learn a new sport at the same time.

The beginner’s course runs for six weeks at the Swavesey Village College courts

beginning Thursday 21st April at 7.30pm.

Each of the six sessions will last for an hour and the cost is £20 **in total** for the course which covers light fees and loan of equipment.

It is open to ladies of ANY age or fitness.

Visit our web site to learn more about the club – www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

For more information, contact:

Glynis Fenwick (glynisfenwick@googlemail.com**) Tel: 01954 230634**

or info@fenlandsquash.org.uk

Swavesey Ramblers

Swavesey Ramblers meet on the last Sunday of each month for a 5-6 mile walk around the villages and countryside of South Cambridgeshire. The clue to what we do is in the title – ramble – we are not Swavesey Striders! We enjoy a sociable, pleasant ramble at a comfortable pace and we even stop half way around for a flask of coffee and a snack! You do not need to become a member or pay any fees, simply turn up with your boots, as and when you choose.

We have been up and rambling since May 2007 and you can see some of the walks on our website http://www.swavesey-ramblers.org.uk/

We meet at 10am in Market Street and organise cars to the start of the walk. We are usually finished by 1pm and there is often the option of a pub lunch near the finish.

If you would like any more information please contact us or just turn up one Sunday

Glyn & Sue Jones
Tel: 230650 or 07977 907622 gj@2gsc.net

Longstanton Bowls Club

April 2016

Spring is here at last with the longer evenings and warmer weather, and as usual at this time of year Longstanton Bowls Club is recruiting new members. Do you fancy some gentle exercise on a summer's evening? It doesn't matter if you haven't played Lawn Bowls before as we have plenty of members always willing to provide help and guidance. Everyone is welcome and our membership ranges from juniors to those enjoying retirement. We have many members from surrounding villages, including Swavesey, Over, Willingham, Oakington, Bar Hill and Cottenham. Don't worry about equipment, as the club can assist with this – just wear flat shoes. We pride ourselves in being a friendly club where the enjoyment comes from taking part. The game of bowls provides an opportunity to make new friends, take gentle exercise and socialise over a "bowls tea" at the end of the match. Our bowls green is located on the recreation ground, between the Longstanton Pavilion and the tennis courts, Over Road, Longstanton.

A close measure for shot

Monday evenings are club roll-up nights, reserved for informal practice in a mildly competitive environment, ideal for beginners. We also have a certified coach who runs regular coaching sessions for newer players. The club plays in a number of leagues, some of which are more competitive than others. Away matches give members an opportunity to experience other club's greens and facilities in the Cambridge area.

The outdoor season runs from late April to September. If you're tempted, please come along to our open day on Saturday, 16th April 2016 (from 2pm) or alternatively, on any Monday evening (from 6pm) to meet some of the members and possibly try your hand. If you just want to watch, then that's fine too.

For more information visit contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118
or email to marionedwards1@btinternet.com .
Also visit our web site www.longstanton-bowls club.co.uk .

There's always time for a swift pint

rspb giving nature a home

Fen Drayton Lakes News

By Luke Wake

The winter of 2015/2016 has been extremely mild and many plants, particularly daffodils, have flowered very early this year. Therefore it is not hard to turn my attention to the months of April and May when spring will be upon us at Fen Drayton Lakes. Longer days and warmer temperatures will see breeding birds hurriedly building nests, incubating eggs and feeding new born chicks. Look out for Lapwing with their distinctive 'peewit' call, whilst it is also worth keeping an eye out for Hobbies which begin to arrive in May and are a joy to watch as they pluck dragonflies from just above the surface of the lakes and then devour them whilst in flight. As you stroll in the fresh air look out for long tailed tits and see if you can spot one of their fabulous nests which are constructed from moss, hair, cobwebs and lichen. Moreover, if you spot one of these nests you may also see more than two adults attending to it. This is due to the fact that if a Long Tailed Tit nest fails then this pair will often join another pair and become helpers at this nest. Long term studies have been able to show that these helpers are more often than not related to the pair which they help.

This time of year is also when the first dragonflies and damselflies will begin to emerge. Beautiful Banded Demoiselles rest on vegetation by slow flowing rivers and lakes, whilst male Hairy Dragonflies can be seen fighting over territories. This adds an element of excitement and wonder to a relaxing visit to many wildlife hotspots.

Photo of female Hairy Dragonfly by Paul Rule

All in all, April and May are a fantastic time to be out and about enjoying all the delights that spring brings to a nature reserve such as Fen Drayton Lakes.

If you have any interesting sightings or just want to get in touch then please feel free to send me an email to luke.wake@rspb.org.uk.

VILLAGE NEWS

Moat Way Play Area Clean-up

A very big thank you to the Swavesey Cub Group who spent time on Sunday 7th February cleaning up the play equipment in Moat Way.

Unfortunately sometime during October half-term, fallen fruit was thrown about the play area, badly staining all of the new play equipment and leaving squashed fruit inside the play house. This wasn't easy to clean up but the Cubs have made an excellent job of the areas they could clean.

We will have to be more aware of the fruit in the future and organise its collection, to ensure this doesn't happen again. It would be a shame to have to remove the tree due to the behaviour of a minority of people.

Thank you to all of you who helped out with the clean-up of the results other people's behaviour.

Swavesey Parish Council

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

OWLS Community Car Scheme provides a valuable and much needed service to those people living in Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesey who need to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys, but are unable to access other means of transport.

Unfortunately we have recently lost the services of a few of our drivers for personal reasons. With at least 9 regular weekly journeys to fulfil and over 90 journeys being undertaken every month we now need to recruit additional volunteer drivers..

Drivers use their own cars and receive 45p a mile (30p from client +15p from C.C.C). Additional insurance cover is provided by Cambridgeshire County Council. Volunteers also have to undergo a DBS (formerly CRB) check.

Drivers offer particular times/days when they are available – in practice about 4 journeys a month is very helpful. So can you help maintain this very important Community service?

PLEASE ring the scheme's mobile number: 07505 254363 for an informal chat, without commitment.

Sir Norman Moore

Norman Moore, who has died aged 92, was the modest leader of the scientific team which discovered the toxic effects of organochlorine pesticides on birds of prey, and was responsible for their eventual withdrawal from use; it was one of the most important conservation achievements of the past 50 years.

He lived in Swavesey and as a retirement present he chose to have a dragonfly pond excavated in his garden He then monitored it systematically to record the species that became established.

Sir Norman beside his dragonfly pond in 2002

An acknowledged authority on dragonflies, he was a visionary chief advisory officer of the Nature Conservancy Council in the 1970s and 1980s when the intensification of agriculture was taking a heavy toll on heaths, woods and meadows.

But it was his appointment in 1960, as head of the toxic chemicals and wildlife division of the Nature Conservancy, based at the Monks Wood Experimental Station near Huntingdon, that led to important conservation discoveries. At Monks Wood, from 1960 to 1974, he studied the effects of the disappearance of hedges as well as pesticides and continued his dragonfly research, digging 20 ponds in a nearby reserve, Woodwalton Fen.

Extract from The Telegraph obituary at:
www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/11948316/Norman-Moore-conservationist-obituary.html

Norman Moore Ponds near Wicken Fen

An appeal has been set up with the National Trust in memory of Norman to support the purchase and management of two new ponds within the Wicken Fen Vision, one of which will be named the Norman Moore Lake.
This link gives more details:
http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SomeoneSpecial/NormanMooreAppealWickenFen

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Competitions and other things

With lots of events for all the family and spread over ten days from Friday 17 to Sunday 26 June, Swavesey Festival 2016 is bigger than ever before. It includes "Open Swavesey" weekend on 18/19 and Gala Day on Sat 25 June.

Passports

We will be operating a chargeable passport system in 2016. This allows you entry into displays and activities in St Andrew's Church, The Memorial Hall and Swavesey Village College with passports on sale at all three venues. Every adult pays £3 for their passport but children under 16 get in free. It allows you into all Open Gardens and some of these will also have passports on sale.

The passport will contain a list of entries and their locations in the village of scarecrows, "front of house" decorations and open gardens with a map to make it all clear. Topics to look out for on the Swavesey Heritage Walk, identifying establishments formerly producing or selling food and drink, including pubs, will be listed but you will have to find these for yourselves. Pages of details on the Gala Day programme, starting with fancy dress judging at 1.00 p.m. and ending with the fireworks finale at 10.30 p.m. will be included.

To get your scarecrow or your decorated front of house area or your open garden into the passport please send in your entries by Tuesday 31 May to allow time for printing – thanks.

Scarecrows

Enter the competition with your scarecrow based on "The Musicals" theme and see if we can beat last year's 38 entries. Application forms are available from Sally on 230200 or from Swavesey Newsagents. To enter costs £3 and there will be a £50 prize for the best character.

Decorate the front of your house area

This is a new competition and although entry is free there is a £25 prize for the winner. You can decorate just your front door or a rockery at the front or your entire front garden with flowers, statues, yarn bombing, paint etc. We want to find the prettiest or the most striking or most original. To get your house on the trail in the passport simply contact Sally on 230200.

Open Gardens

If you would like to open your garden to visitors on the afternoons of Sat and Sun, with Tues and Wed evening as additions or alternatives, contact Selwyn on 07731 585450 or at selwyn.richardson1@gmail.com by Tuesday 31 May please.

A sort of Treasure hunt

A casual but exciting wander through Swavesey looking for the answers to a set of questions. No entry fee and no prizes because it is so easy to do. Pick up the sheet of questions with your passport and check your findings against the list of answers posted on Gala Day.

Swavesey Heritage Walk

Located more into the suburbs of Swavesey than in 2014. So wander a bit further and look out for blue plaques where food or drink activities took place and bright blue flags where there were pubs.

Village Craft and Produce Show

This competition takes place in the marquee on Gala Day. See page 11 of Feb/March Meridian for an initial look at which classes you might be interested in. Entry forms, containing full details including Show Regulations, are available from village shops, Fiona Ross (200101), Sally Unwin, (230200), Simon Shore (230848) and Selwyn Richardson (07731 585450). The cost of each entry is £1; after five entries the cost stays at £5 for any number of entries. For children the cost is 50p per entry; after five entries it remains at £2.50 for any number.

Other Festival Goodies Include:

As a special, blockbuster attraction for children on Gala Day Aquazorb will bring their massive transparent plastic balls to stand inside, walking on water or on land, along with their inflatable slide and bouncy castle. Aquazorb charge for this thrilling experience.

Somewhat more leisurely, Compass Café will be run by a Festival team on Thursday 23 June from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Bethel Baptist Church so come and have tea/coffee with a big slice of lovely cake.

- Food, Glorious Food at St Andrew's Church.
- Exhibition of paintings, posters, illustrated books etc by Peter Nuttall in the Memorial Hall.
- Exhibition by the Meridian Quilters in SVC.
- Exhibition by experienced local artists in SVC.
- Village parade – The Musicals.
- Stalls to visit and lots to do on the green.
- Tea and cakes and lots more food and drink.
- Music on the green – all day long.
- Fireworks finale.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club			
	£	January 2016	Feb-16
First prize	60	Vicky Bidwell	John Pook
Second prize	30	Stuart Faben	Carol Pook
Third prize	15	Darren Unwin	Wendy Norton

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Ticketed Events

The breadth and diversity of our ticketed programme this year tries to include something for everyone. Starting with a lively, boisterous event at The Windmill we end with a classical music concert, which we encourage adults and children to attend, at St Andrew's Church. There is much to choose from in between.

German Oompah Band/German Beer Night @Swavesey Windmill

Friday 17 June, 7.30 p.m.
Swavesey Festival presents The Bierkeller Schunklers, for an evening of singing, dancing, clapping, marching and silliness! Bavarian/German costume makes it all the more fun. Licensed bar. Tickets £15, including Bratwurst and Sauerkraut for supper. Phone 01954 232247 or e-mail swaveseytickets@gmail.com.

Rock & Roll Bingo at the White Horse.

Monday 20 June, 8.00 p.m.
Bingo with a musical twist, free entry, £2 per game, 4 games. Cash prizes.
Talk to Katie or Baz at the pub or phone 01954 231665 for more details.

Fun for Children in Swavesey Library

Tuesday 21 June from 3.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Storytelling, rhymes and fun activities for children of all ages. Only 40 tickets available at 50p per child (over 2 years) on sale from the Library in Swavesey Village College. Tea is included too so get your tickets quickly. The tiger will be coming for tea and it would be good if children could, if they wished, dress up as tigers or bring tiger toys with them. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Concert in New Hall at Swavesey Village College

Tuesday 21 June, from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
A concert mainly for primary-aged children and their parents featuring musicians from Swavesey (Saturday) Music School.
Tickets £2.00 from SVC, 01954 230366, ext.300.

Hot Traditional Jazz Night @ Swavesey Windmill

Wednesday 22 June, 7.30 p.m.
After 17 years, Freddie and Friends are well known throughout Cambridgeshire to put on a great show. Join us for an evening of Jazz. Licensed bar. Tickets £15, including basket meal of chilli & rice or vegetable gumbo or Cajun chicken. Phone 01954 232247 or e-mail swaveseytickets@gmail.com.

Comedy Night @ Swavesey Windmill

Thursday 23 June, 7.30 p.m.
Raymond and Mr Timpkins Revue is an uncle/nephew combo that will have you in stitches! Winner of English Comedian of the Year 2014, Jack Campbell, local to Cambridgeshire, provides good, clean entertainment.
Licensed bar.
Tickets £7.50. Bring your own nibbles.
Phone 01954 232247 or e-mail swaveseytickets@gmail.com.
Sponsored by Ash Croft Veterinary Surgery, Hardwick.

Kids Disco in the Marquee on Swavesey Village Green

Friday 24 June from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Arranged by Lisa for primary school age children. Tickets £1 on the door.

Spartans' Barn Dance in the Park on Swavesey Village Green

Friday 24 June from 7.45 p.m. to midnight
Back by popular demand and raising money for a Village defibrillator.
Licensed bar.
Tickets £16, including delicious food.
Get your tickets from Nicole Mullee 201061, Claire Mott 200409 or Gary Peet 202459. See you all there for a dosido/do-si-do!

Jonathan Sage Quartet Concert at St Andrew's Church

Sunday 26 June at 7.30 p.m.
We finish off the Festival with an evening concert of classical music. An internationally acclaimed clarinet player working with a trio from the London-based Keats String Quartet, Jonathan attended Swavesey Primary School and Swavesey Village College. We will be treated to a preview of a programme which they will subsequently be touring across the UK, including works by Mozart, Crusell and Krommer.
Drinks available during the interval.
Tickets £10 (under 16s free) from Jacqui Fuller, 01954 230774 or e-mail swaveseytickets@gmail.com.
Sponsored by The Meridian magazine, Swavesey Garage and Whitfield Group.

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Freddie Hall Band

Saturday 30th April

Join us at Over Community Centre for a night of Soul, Motown and R&B from this five-piece band!

Tickets £10 available from Over Day Centre

The Over
Day Centre
1 Drings Close, Over,
Cambs CB24 5NZ

Fancy dress optional

Registered Charity No: 800829

The Improved Library Is located in the old Entrance Hall at the Village College. Come and join us!

Our last story time, to mark our reopening, was a great success. We have two story times planned for 22 March and 26 April at 3.45pm.

Come and join in!!

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	**202707**	**Sarah Hellon**	**230960**
Jacqui Fuller	**230774**	**Sue Jones**	**230650**
John Pook	**230978**	**Doug and Lorraine Hunt**	**232478**

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

Patricia "Pat" Wood

January 15th, the sun was shining and the sky was blue as much of Swavesey ground to a halt to say farewell to and celebrate the life of Pat, who had been the Landlady of the White Horse Inn for almost 15 years. Local residents were joined by many others from across Cambridgeshire and indeed from many other parts of the country, even Wisbechistan was represented.

Pat originated from Wolverhampton where she lived & worked at the Ever-Ready factory until she met Swavesey boy Will at her old school friend's house warming party in spring 1984. It wasn't long before she was regularly visiting Will, who was to become her soul mate and life partner, in London for week-ends and on her Mother's passing moved down permanently to their small flat just off the Caledonian Rd. Pat soon found a job at Scholl's foot product plant in Clerkenwell Rd. on the edge of the City and immediately adjusted to the London Transport system, discovered the West End shopping centre of Oxford, Regent & Bond street which would never be the same again as there was always "a bargain to be found".

She started visiting Swavesey for week-ends and holiday periods in the second half of the '80's, subject to their combined working schedules and was for the first time able to experience life in a rural village, the quietness of which initially came as bit of a shock having been a city dweller up to then. As ever Pat was quick to adapt and soon made friends with yet another group of people as their increasingly regular week-end visits nearly always managed to include a visit to the local hostelry for an evening's relaxation & entertainment with the odd glass of wine included.

Early in 1999 Pat & Will took the opportunity to buy the lease on the White Horse with the original intention of being "sleeping partners" insofar as the day to day running of the pub was concerned but circumstances forced a change in their long term plans and they had no choice but to take the reins much sooner than originally planned. Though, as she would admit, she wasn't particularly academically minded, Pat took what was then the BII, Whitbread and magistrates business course for Public House licencees and passed with flying colours and so they took over the running of the pub.

With her out-going & fun loving personality coupled with her ability to deal with people and manage situations, whilst at the same time not being afraid of hard work, she rapidly took to her new position and it wasn't long before she became "Momma" Pat to many of the younger members of staff, many of whom were experiencing their first part-time jobs. The next decade flew by with Pat & the pub being instrumental in re-inaugurating the Swavesey Barrel Rolling, the birth of Mayfest, Beer Festivals, firework parties on the Market Street Green, the Legendary White Horse Pop Quiz, kiddies Xmas & Halloween parties and music nights to name a few.

Her world turned upside down in the early hours of Dec. 3rd 2011 when she tripped on the staircase which resulted in a fractured right leg along with 3 broken ribs. What followed can best be described as being little short of relentless physical & mental torture as she underwent some 12 operations including corrective surgery and spent more than 24 weeks in hospital in the following 18 months before having to endure an above knee amputation as a result of an incurable bone disease contracted during the original surgery. Pat typically bore this misfortune with remarkable fortitude but unfortunately began to suffer further health complications largely as a result of being confined to her wheel-chair and sadly passed away in the early hours of December 20th following 10 days in the John Farman Intensive Care unit in Addenbrookes.

She will be remembered by so many, God bless her & may she rest in peace at last.

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Sunday 8th May 2016
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(For further information contact amandamonks12@gmail.com or 07891 890302)

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
11am – 12pm	Junior Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
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£3.50 per session!

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Term starts September 13th. ~ come along and find out what it's all about!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
acaldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

Swavesey VILLAGE COLLEGE

Swavesey Primary School and Pre School

The Pre School, Primary School and Village College are opening their doors to the community, parents and pupils for the opportunity to look at the new buildings that have recently been completed.

When: Saturday 21st May, 10am until 1pm

Where: Swavesey Primary School, Middlewatch, Swavesey and Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey

We are very excited to have reached the end of these build projects and would love to welcome you into our new spaces.

There will be refreshments at both venues and some children's activities at the primary school.

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups". A great chance to meet local parents.

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET

Ballet classes at Over Primary School
Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+

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Swimming in Swavesey

Ed Williams from local Swavesey swim school Elite Swimming Academy Ltd gives his top tips for parents most frequently asked questions about children's swimming.

1. When can my child start swimming lessons?
We take children from 3 years of age in classes capped at just 3 students. 3 years tends to be the age when most children are confident and independent enough to be given instructions by a coach without needing a parent present for support. We find this is the fastest way to develop independent swimming at a young age.

2. Why is it important for them to learn to swim?
Unlike other sports, swimming is a vital life skill. Not only will it develop fitness but it could save your child's life. We don't just teach the children to swim, we teach them to be the best swimmers they can possibly be in the shortest space of time.

3. My child's scared of the water, how can I encourage them to swim?
It is very common for children to be apprehensive or even scarred of swimming. It is a fear of the unknown but our methods get them to believe in themselves very quickly. There are a lot of things you can do at home as well like making bath time fun, picking up toys from the bottom of the bath, and going swimming as a family as much as possible to show how comfortable you as parents are with the water.

4. How quickly will my children learn to swim?
Each child will progress at their own rate so some are noticeably quicker than others at taking to the water. We guarantee that your child will progress vastly quicker with us than they would with any other swim school with our unique methods. To give you a more accurate idea of progress, if we take a child from 3 years old with basic water confidence from family swimming, we can usually have them swimming unaided front crawl, back stroke and breast stroke by their fourth birthdays. Not many companies can do that but it is pretty standard for us!

5. Why should parents choose Elite Swimming Academy rather than their local leisure centre classes?
Investing in lessons with ESA is a big decision as we are a lot more expensive than leisure centre lessons. You do however get the results you pay for and can be assured of a very different level of service to what you will experience anywhere else. Our teachers are world class and our pools provide a relaxed environment with no distractions. Combine this with our small classes of just 3 students and you can understand why we guarantee to get your child progressing years quicker than anywhere else.

Elite Swimming Academy run classes on Fridays and Saturdays at The Windmill Pool in Swavesey.

Call them on 01954 578 699 or visit www.eliteswimmingacademy.co.uk/swavesey

"Exciting New Adult Learning Classes at Swavesey Village College"

If you're looking to enhance your current skills, increase your confidence, keep active and fit or just meet new people who want the same as you, there's something for everyone.

New for the summer term - Walking Football - Thought your footballing days were over, think again! Enjoy a slow-paced version of the beautiful game. Aimed at the over 50's or those recovering from injuries or with mobility problems.

Dig out those old family photos and join Restoration and Re-Touching of Old Photos

Brush up on your computer skills with Introduction To Microsoft Excel/Word

Try something new for the summer:

- Italian for Beginners
- Tai Chi
- Stone Sculpture
- Learn to Love Your Over locker
- Blues Guitar

and many more.

For details of all our classes please visit the Swavesey Village College website Community Education tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call us on 01954 234488.

Supporting Young People's Activities
Swavesey Action for Youth

SAY works to support and encourage activities within Swavesey for young people. The Committee has a small fund that comes from the Parish Council and donations received from some very kind villagers and Market Street carols evening. From time to time the group applies for grants for specific activities.

The highlight of 2015 was The Youth Festival that ran alongside Swavesey Village College's Cycle Challenge. Enthusiastic volunteers from village youth groups set up stalls to showcase their activities and some very talented students from the Village College showed their skills in things like henna painting and limerick writing. All of this helped them earn their Arts Awards. The central attraction of the day was a BMX Stunt Team who set up the ramps and showed us some breath-taking acrobatic tricks.

During the past year the SAY Committee continues to support Bethel Church with its Friday night Youth Café. This group attracts large numbers of young people and goes from strength to strength. SAY is delighted that the Friday Youth Café was nominated for a South Cambs DC Community Award, in the 'Outstanding Youth Initiative' category. Representatives from the Youth Café together with Parish Councillors attended the event on 10th March in Cambourne.

If you run a youth group or activity in the village and have a new idea that needs a small amount of funding, do speak to us, we may be able to help. We particularly want to support activities that attract young people who do not usually take part in traditional activities. We are always looking for new Committee members, it is only a small time commitment and you could make a big difference to the young people in our village.

Sandie Smith – SAY Secretary
cambridgegills@hotmail.co.uk

Swavesey Rainbows

The new 1st Swavesey Rainbow Unit is going from strength to strength. Four girls joined us after Christmas and another five are due to start after Easter. The girls are working hard to earn badges and their Rainbow polo shirts are filling up! The first half of each term is spent learning or revising the Rainbow Promise and learning about the Rainbow Jigsaw areas of Look, Learn, Laugh and Love through a Roundabout badge. During the second half of each term we complete Challenge Badges.

Our new Rainbows all made their promise at the last session before February half term; we celebrated this with a pancake party which also saw all the girls earning the Pancake Challenge Badge. They designed their ultimate pancake, tasted three different toppings, listened to a pancake story, completed a pancake quiz and had pancake races with beanbag pancakes in frying pans.

February saw us joining with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members from Over and Swavesey to celebrate World Thinking Day, and showing them all we had learned about Canada and Sparks (their Rainbow equivalent). We, in turn, learnt about Girlguiding in the countries the other units had chosen.

If your daughter is interested in joining Girlguiding, please register her interest here: www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Adults can also get involved; use the same link if you are interested in helping to run Rainbows, Brownies or Guides in Swavesey.

Compass Café
"Encompasses the community"

Every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00

at Bethel Baptist Church.

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MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS

Fun and Games for Children in Keystages 1, 2 and 3 every Monday night during term-time.

Come and Join us at 6:00pm (KS1 & KS2) for an hour of fun activities as we learn about the Christian faith through stories, music and discussions.
Survivors (KS3) meet at 7:00pm

For more information on our weekly events:
Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister at minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954230458
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern during the Vacancy		
1st Sunday of the month	11am 6:30pm	Parish Communion Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday of the month	8am 11am	Holy Communion Service of The Word
3rd Sunday of the month	11am 7pm	Parish Communion Sunday Sanctuary *(alternate with Bethel)*
4th Sunday of the month	11am	Family Communion
5th Sunday of the month	10am	Benefice Service Check the website for venue and time.
1st Monday of the month	11:30am	Holy Communion in the Community Room, Thistle Green.
NB: this service pattern is subject to change and availability of clergy. Please check www.honeyhill.org for up to date information.		

At the time of writing we are awaiting the process of dissolving the current benefice, and the formation of a new benefice with Swavesey and Lolworth joining Longstanton, Over and Willingham. These five churches will be looked after by Team Rector, Revd. Julie Anderson (current Vicar of Over), and a new Team Vicar who is yet to be appointed.

Website: www.honeyhill.org
St Andrew's Church, Swavesey

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact the Churchwarden:
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andrew@overroad.co.uk
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Caroline Stevens
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The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children and young people are very welcome at St Andrew's.

Sunday School

Children from the age of five are welcome to join our Sunday School each week during the 11am service, except 4th Sundays when its Family Communion and the children are in church.
For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents, we have 'fidget bags' (bags of books and toys) for use during services.

Baby And Toddler Services

An informal service aimed at preschool age children and their parents and carers held on the second Monday of each month at 10.30am.
Please come and join us for a story, songs, prayer, craft, drink and a biscuit, and a chance to chat with others.
When the second Monday occurs in the school holidays, please bring your school age children too.

Bell Ringing Anyone from the age of about ten years is welcome to come along and find out more. Tuesdays between 7:30 and 9pm.

Church Choir Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.
Contact: John Mullett: johnajmullett@gmail.com or 077026 79191

Compass Café "Encompasses the community"

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church from 10.30am until 12 noon.

Teddy Bear Parachute Jump

From St Andrew's Church Tower

Saturday 14th May

2pm –4pm

Is your Teddy brave enough!

£1.50 per Teddy

Certificate for all teddies

Refreshments served in church during the afternoon

Not got a teddy, or your teddy isn't brave enough? Come along and watch the fun!

Annual Parish Meeting

Weds 13th April 2016

7.30pm in The Memorial Hall

A Neighbourhood Plan for Swavesey?

A Neighbourhood plan allows residents & businesses to have their own planning policies in a document that reflects their priorities, delivers tangible local benefits and has real weight in planning decisions.

A Neighbourhood Plan becomes a legal part of the District Authority's Local Plan, so for planning applications in particular, decisions must take the Neighbourhood Plan into consideration.

We have major issues directly affecting our community such as pressure to build more homes; cuts to County & District Council budgets leading to reduction of service provision; pressures on transport networks.

Should the Parish Council and our community consider a Neighbourhood Plan?

Come along to the meeting to hear further details on this proposal and let the Parish Council hear your views.

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SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News January February 2016

COUNTY COUNCIL
The County Council has decided to continue funding for the primary school crossing patrol and is to provide new flashing warning lights and an advisory 20 MPH speed limit which will protect the crossing at the beginning and end of the school day.
Further discussions have taken place with the County concerning moving the bus shelter nearer to the Pine Grove Park Junction. The PC expects a final decision in March.
The County plan to start preparatory administration work to allow the marking of parking bays and additional yellow lines to Market Street to start in April. Watch this space!!
The PC has responded in strong terms to a follow up Questionnaire from Balfour Beatty concerning the street lighting contract fiasco.
The PC continues to press for resolution to street drainage problems, and in particular the flooding of Station Road at the guided busway stop.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
The PC has nominated a number of village enterprises for the District Council's Community Awards event on March 10th. "The Community Warden Scheme; Friday Youth Club; Your Library; the Ponds Maintenance Group"
The A14 Improvement Scheme is due to start June/July 2016. There will be a contractor's village on land west of Boxworth Road opposite Cambridge Services. There will be times when the flyover junction will be closed with diversions down Ramper Road and Rose and Crown Road.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS.
The PC will be represented at the next Neighbourhood Forum Meeting.

VILLAGE MATTERS
The Scouts are to be thanked for cleaning up the play equipment in Moat Way following recent vandalism.

DRAINAGE
The Church Drain has seen some recent work to clear away trees, shrubs and undergrowth. The PC is to press for the bottom to be cleared of built up silt.
There has been little response from the Environment Agency to the PCs wider drainage concerns. Heidi Allen our MP is to be approached to follow up her previous lobbying on our behalf.

THE RECREATION GREEN
New bark is to be added to the play area.
The new drainage work to the green is being monitored and the PC is meeting with the football clubs to agree dates for matches this year, following some trial games in early March to assess the state of the pitch.

COUNCIL NEWS

PLANNING
Various planning applications and decisions were discussed.
The PC is awaiting the outcome of an appeal concerning the application by Mr and Mrs Mallindine for outline planning permission for 30 new dwellings with open space provision adjacent to 18 Boxworth End.
The PC expects the two other large housing proposals to be submitted for planning, perhaps dependant on the outcome of the appeal.
The PC is considering preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Swavesey. You can find out more about this by attending the Parish Meeting. (see below).

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 13th APRIL 2016
The meeting will receive reports on all the activities of the PC.
The main item for discussion ' Should the Parish Council and our community consider producing a Neighbourhood plan?'
A neighbourhood Plan allows local residents and businesses to have their own planning policies in a plan that reflects their priorities, delivers tangible local benefits and has a real weight and impact on planning decisions.
Please come and find out more!!

FINANCES
The Parish Precept for 2016/2017 was unanimously agreed at £56,600.00. This will allow Band D property payments to stay at the same level as 2015/2016.

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Repair Cafes

Have you heard about Repair Cafes? They are free meeting places, all about repairing things (together). Great for sustainability, great for sociability, generally just great, which is probably why more and more of them are being set up by volunteers across the world.

Circular Cambridge has launched a season all about the circular (as opposed to linear) economy. For more on this, see http://circularcambridge.org/.
And for more on Repair Cafes, see http://repaircafe.org/en/.

There are local cafes running in Cottenham. Cambridge and Royston.
See the following link for "Running a repair café - an interview with Chris Möller".
http://transitioncambridgemedia.blogspot.co.uk/2015/07/running-repair-cafe-interview-with.html

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New Parish Council Website
www.swavesey.org.uk

Same website address but now with an improved and updated look

Take a look to find out….

- the latest news and information about the village
- agendas, minutes and Parish Council news
- links to village clubs and organisations
- links to District and County Council consultations

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

There are two main issues which appear to be concerning Swavesey residents this Spring and they are both to do with housing.

Firstly, let me make it quite clear I am opposed to the significant housing developments which are being talked about by several different developers. I feel the introduction of potentially 400 houses to a rural village of 1100 houses will have significant implications for the infrastructure and amenities in the village as well as changing the community spirit which holds us together. Development needs to be managed to assist the village to house its young people and provide a range of skills to meet their needs but an influx of such numbers must be detrimental. The problem is that although South Cambs District Council may refuse permission, the planning inspector at national level may give permission on appeal. I am not on the planning committee and therefore am free to represent the village when the applications are heard and will seek to represent the feelings of the Parish council and individuals who contact me.

The allocations Officer for South Cambs has been to talk to the Parish Council about how the new homes will be allocated according to Banding and length of time on the list. But those interested should be aware that there will be a relatively short time in which to place your bid for a house when the lettings are released. Both the Parish Council and myself will do our best to keep you informed as early as possible.

The Greater Cambridge Deal (previously The City Deal) continues to create controversy about how money should be spent to improve the infrastructure to support the increase in housing and new businesses in the City and South Cambs. the problem is that big projects take too long to get off the ground. The first tranch of money has to be spent and show improvement within 5 years in order to release further tranches of money - cycleways fulfil that criteria. But now we are seeing proposals to improve the A428 route out of Cambridge and link more effectively with the A1 as well as the new railway station and improvements to Cambridge railway station.

But in addition to the above there are new proposals to create a devolved government to a joint Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Norfolk. This is all very new and on top of the referendum for continued membership of the EU means the future is “interesting” but I have reservations as to whether it will be “better”

One of the most important things about living in a village is the community spirit and the way we enjoy ourselves together. Please get involved in as many aspects of the Festival in June as you possibly can. It is a great event and requires many people to work hard for over a year to make it happen.

Ring,text or email me if I can help.
Sue.ellington@virgin.net
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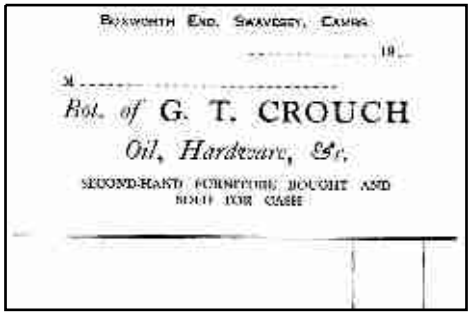
01954202923

The Paraffin Man
Part III. Polly, Beauty and other horses

As I was saying, my father set up his Swavesey-based hardware business with his first horse-drawn waggon in 1921, complete with 100 gallon (450 litres) paraffin tank on board. On Monday mornings the round started in Gibraltar Lane, turned sharp right through School Lane to Station Road and up the hill to deliver in Over village then back home. Tuesday's round covered the rest of Swavesey but this was a short day because there would be oil and many other items delivered in the afternoon - something like twenty or more wholesalers would come to him for orders, then deliver their goods. He also had to re-stock the waggon and price up further stock for sale. Wednesday's round started at Boxworth End then on to Fen Drayton and Conington. On Thursday he went to Boxworth with either Knapwell or Lolworth being visited on the same day but on alternate weeks. Saturday was Longstanton.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Oil, Hardware, &c.

SECOND-HAND FURNITURE BOUGHT AND SOLD FOR CASH

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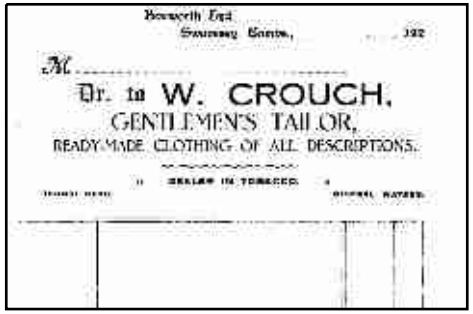
Now as well as the rounds selling paraffin and hardwares father used to deal in second-hand furniture which meant attending house sales or auction rooms and this usually happened on Fridays. There was always someone on a round who was looking for a second-hand piece of furniture or a roll of second-hand lino or a rug. Also customers often offered him items they didn't want so he would lash them to the waggon and most times whatever he picked up got sold to another customer before he got home. I remember standing one day at the gate of our house and seeing him coming in the distance towing a four wheeled open carriage behind the waggon with a two wheeled spring cart tied behind that. As father was driving this train of vehicles into the yard I hung onto the axle of the spring cart but I caught my foot on the gate stump. It threw me to my knees on the gravel track, seriously cutting both knees and I still have the scars to prove it today.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Dr. to W. CROUCH.

GENTLEMEN'S TAILOR,

READY-MADE CLOTHING OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

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Corn prices were good at the end of the First World War but by 1922 they began to drop and farmers cut down on the number of men they employed. While on his rounds my father was alert to finding out who was looking for work and also where any jobs were becoming available so he was quite often able to help a customer to get a new job.

The first horse I can remember when I was very young was a lovely black mare named Polly who was very calm. Then there was Tom who was black, with a long black tail but greyish fetlocks. Next my father bought a fairly young horse but it was nervous of noise close by. One day when he was in Knapwell where the road was narrow he met a threshing tackle. He moved his waggon into a gateway but made the mistake of facing the young horse towards the gate, away from the road. As the engine went by its safety valve blew off steam which frightened the horse who swung round and reared up, knocking father to the ground and crushing him. Luckily some farm workers were returning to work after dinner and helped him. A local farmer phoned for the doctor then took father home in his car. One of the customers tied his bicycle to the back of the waggon, drove the horse and waggon home then cycled back to Knapwell. He was off work for about three weeks with broken ribs and a bruised chest.

Mother had to take over the round for a few weeks, in addition to all the hard work she already did, but she went out with old Polly instead of the youngster. Polly had been on the rounds for so long that she knew exactly where to go. She even knew that when she got to the High Road, now the A14, she had to go straight across to Knapwell one week and turn left towards Lolworth the next. To prove the point father would tie the reins up and, sure enough, Polly would go the correct way for that week.

Another Suffolk mare we had was named Beauty who had a red/brown/black mane and a long black tail with black fetlocks and feet. One day during the Second World War we got to the New Inn on the High Road (now the Trinity Foot on the A14) heading towards Huntingdon but we couldn't turn into the Swavesey road because there was a convoy of army trucks going towards Cambridge, so we had to wait in the Huntingdon lane. After a few minutes of waiting things got much worse when an American convoy came up behind us heading to Huntingdon. They wouldn't wait and some of their vehicles were very wide so they went up onto the grass verge, bumping and banging around us. The Yanks were cheering and shouting and taking photographs because they thought it was great fun to have a horse and waggon caught in the middle of their long military convoy. Beauty took it all very calmly because she was such a wonderful, quiet horse.

One Saturday coming back from Longstanton in very foggy weather towards the High Road in the direction of Bar Hill the horse seemed disturbed and father said "what's that noise". I got off the waggon and went into the field a little way and called out as I heard voices. It turned out that a Catalina flying boat had got into difficulty in the fog, ran short of fuel and made a forced landing in the ploughed field. The crew didn't know where they were so father sent them to phone from the King William VI pub which stood opposite the Lolworth turn but which was later demolished when the High Road was upgraded to three lanes. Out came the police and RAF personnel to take charge of security. We only travelled by horse and waggon but we did see life.

David Crouch.

Community Groups & Charities

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fund raise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver
Swavesey Village College Community Education	Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Over District Guiding	<table><tr><th></th><th>Rainbows</th><th>Brownies</th><th>Guides</th></tr><tr><td>Over</td><td>Mon, Tue</td><td>Wed, Thu</td><td>Tue</td></tr></table> Register your interest in Over District Girlguiding by visiting www.girlguiding.org.uk or emailing overdistrictguiding@gmail.com for more information.
1st Swavesey Rainbows	Swavesey Rainbows. Contact caroline@overroad.co.uk
1st Swavesey Brownies	We are always looking for new girls and parent helpers. Please contact Catherine Groves (Brown Owl) tel. (01954 202648) or mobile 07969 815198 if you are interested in participating. Email:- brownowl01@virginmedia.com
1st Swavesey Guides	For more details please contact Claire Hagger chhagger@gmail.com.
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - James Tait on 01954 232183 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on (01954) 200068 or s2art50@lycos.co.uk
1st Swavesey Cub Pack	The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday - 6:15pm – 7:30pm & Friday 5:30pm – 6:45pm. Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768 Email:- s.mayer@ntlworld.com
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm weekdays in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
Bell Ringers	Practice night Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church. New ringers of all ages welcome. Contact Tower Captain Andrew Stevens on (01954 231433) for details. Email: andrew@overroad.co.uk Website: www.honeyhill.org/bells.htm
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01490 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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